

Governor Schwarzenegger's Long-Term Commitment to Higher Education



While our budget crisis demands tough choices, Governor Schwarzenegger has steadfastly maintained his desire to shield students and our higher education system from the toughest cuts.

"We have made a long-term commitment for greater investments in our schools and equipping California's workforce with the best and the brightest for years to come."
- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Proving his deep commitment to higher education once again, the Governor has worked closely with higher education leaders to arrive at a multi-year Education Compact that is an investment in our schools and in our public university students.

EDUCATION COMPACT'S KEY POINTS

- **Cuts proposed fee increase for graduate students virtually in half.**
- **Increases base funding for UC and CSU beginning next year and continuing through 2010-11.**
- **Increases enrollment after this fiscal year.**
- **Protects effective outreach and academic prep programs.**
- **Enhances K-12 math and science education with an initiative to increase the number of highly qualified teachers in these subjects.**

Keeping It Affordable and Protecting Academics

Governor Schwarzenegger's priorities were to ensure California's higher education systems remain as accessible and affordable as possible and to protect the universities' core academic missions.

- Student fees for UC and CSU will continue to be on average lower than comparable universities across the country.
- Both university systems will formulate efficiency plans to ensure more students graduate in four years, keeping costs down and allowing room for more students to enter the system.
- To create stability in tuition hikes and give families the ability to plan ahead, undergraduate fee increases will not exceed 10 percent on average over the next three years.
- UC and CSU will not have to absorb any additional reductions beyond those proposed in January.
- Financial aid will continue to be available to eligible low income students, provided by UC and CSU, as well as the state.

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